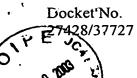
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below. Please amend the application as follows.